

JOHN BURT

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"CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

"I've been past it a hundred times. I've struck a pick all across the field and never found trace," said Blake reflectively, "but that proves nothing. A thousand people walked over the little Chalmers here I found the gold. Well, John," he concluded, "relating to the familiar Yankee draw, 'Don't bid beat time, as Uncle Toby Haynes used to say?'"

"That certainly is remarkable," said John Burt, folding the map. "How did you happen to select this particular spot, Jim?"

"Just happened to, that's all," was the laconic reply. "I laid out claims all along here, but this one seemed the most likely."

"I suppose your claims cover the ground indicated on this map, don't they?" asked John.

"Don't make a bit of difference whether they do or not," asserted Blake with much vigor. "If you find ore, the claim is yours, John, and don't you forget it!"

"Suppose we go partners in the Sallor mine," suggested John. "I have a half sum of money, and I'll offer that and the map against your claim and experience. What do you say, John?"

"It's not fair to you, John, but I'll accept anyway, and here's my hand on it!"

After breakfast they set about to casing the salior's vein. In less than an hour Jim Blake sunk his shaft to a quartz rock which showed free gold. While Jim was gloating over his find, John appeared from behind a ledge. He handed Blake a nugget which weighed fully ten pounds, and a glance to say nothing of the weight showed it to be almost solid gold. "How are rich, and how are rich?" he asked, while the rocks rebounded.

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